(c) whether Government also propose to provide Central assistance in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A project is under implementation with loan assistance from the Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund of the Government of Japan covering several places of Buddhist pilgrimage in the States of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d) The Committee on Pilgrim Tourism has identified Bodhgaya and Patna Saheb for development of pilgrim tourism in the State of Bihar. The proposals with detailed estimates in this regard are awaited from the State Government.

Construction of building near Goa airport compound

2672. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that buildings are coming up just 3 metres away from the Goa Airport Compound which is very close to the run-way and might pose a security threat besides obstructing any expansion work to the airport; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken to stop/remove the constructon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A few buildings are coming up outside the boundary wall of Goa airport, for which "No Objection Certificates have been issued in accordance with rules/regulations on the subject.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Water Sports Complex at Goa

2673. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goa Government have offered a place of land in Goa for Central Water Sports Complex;

(b) if so, whether Central Government have taken possession of this land; and

(c) if so, what work has been initiated at this site and by when this complex is proposed to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A part of the land is at present under private occupancy. The remaining portion has been taken over by the Central Government.

(c) Budgetary provision has been kept during the current financial year for development of facilities. These include fencing, construction of storage shed, purchase of water sports equipment, etc.

Grounding of Vayudoot aircraft

2674. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1130 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July, 1992 and state:

(a) the number of aircraft of Vayudoot grounded as on 30th June, 1992;

(b) the estimated loss to Vayudoot as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make the aircraft operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) As on 30th June, 1992 four HS 748 three Dornier and one F-27 aircraft were grounded.

(b) It is difficult to quantify the extent of loss on this account.